

Every month I look at my phone bill and see a laundry list of unexplained federal and state fees and taxes it is very frustrating.

Before you extend a tax which will remove the hard earned wages from hard working people please consider two things

- 1) What was the original purpose of the tax and
- 2) Has the money raised been more effect to accomplish that goal than private sector investment.

By taxing broadband providers and giving that money to entities that so far have opposed broadband you are making it less likely that everyone will eventually enjoy low cost broadband.

When thinking about this email I remember two news articles I've read in the last year.

The first was about a tax collector in California (LA I believe) attempting to levy a tax on satellites in orbit that a California company owned. His rational was that since no entity was taxing the satellite itself there was nothing to stop California from doing it. The second story was a more recent one about how few people believe it's a crime to cheat on your taxes.

Sir or Madam the point is the more of these taxes which are misguided, unexplained, an ineffective the more people will try to avoid them. Please I implore you do not extend this tax, leave the money in the public sector where it can do the most good.